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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As the leading advocate for black-owned businesses in Northwest Louisiana, I am writing to encourage you to support the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

As Chairman Genachowski has rightly pointed out, our nation faces a critical shortage of wireless spectrum. We understand this merger will help solve that problem in the short term by combining two companies' network assets in a manner that more efficiently utilizes spectrum, facilitating the expanded build-out of mobile broadband technology. Productivity will increase substantially and development opportunities will expand as more companies, government agencies, and educational institutions have access to the latest and fastest technology.

The additional mobile broadband capacity will help in our efforts to create an environment conducive to economic empowerment for small businesses, African-American owned businesses, and the community at-large. For these reasons, I ask for your support of this acquisition.

Sincerely,

Booker White, Chairman of the Board
Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce